



Today April 4 marks International Mine Awareness Day. In Afghanistan, humanitarian demining has been ongoing for over 23 years. To assist, the U.S. Department of State has contributed more than \$220 million to demining efforts in Afghanistan since 1997. As part of this program, the United States funds nearly one hundred mine detection dog teams in Afghanistan – including the one pictured here in training. Today, only two percent of Afghan communities are impacted by landmines and unexploded ordinance. However, the work continues.